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Report on the investigation of the Tungabhadra scheme.

*121 Q.—Mr. A. Parasurama Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any report has been received from the special officer deputed to investigate the Tungabhadra scheme; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place it on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The report received from Mr. Ireland has been placed on the table in reply to question No. 120.

Proposed starting of the Boradaballi project.

*122 Q.—Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to supplement the Rushikulya project, in order to help the existing irrigation; and

(*b*) whether the Boradaballi or Singipuram project will be taken as a protective work in supplementing the irrigation under the Rushikulya system?

A.—(*a*) The Government have recently sanctioned an estimate amounting to Rs. 19,000 for improvements to the Surada reservoir so as to improve the supply to the existing ayacut.

(*b*) The Government await the report of the committee constituted in G.O. No. 1244 I., dated 7th June 1927, of which the hon. Member is a member.

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo:—"May I know, Sir, when Government expect this committee to finish its labours?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"It depends on the committee."

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo:—"May I know whether this committee in its first or second sitting recommended the taking up of the Boradaballi project?"

The hon Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"I do not know."

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo:—"May I know whether or not the proceedings of the committee were communicated to Government after each of the sittings was over?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"I assume they were not, as it is stated the Government are awaiting the report If the hon Member would table a separate question, I shall make further enquiries."

Construction of irrigation work in the Nagavalli river.

*123 Q.—Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the ryots under the Dusi Urlam Dalada channels in Chicacole division, Ganjam, agree to pay higher rate of assessment if Government undertake the construction of irrigation work in the Nagavalli river to ensure regular supply of water to the lands irrigated by the channels;